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REMARKS

The Applicant withdraws claims 12-32 without prejudice in response to the July 12, 2004 Action. The restriction between groups I and II is believed improper. There would be no burden to search for both sprockets and sprocket assemblies; the two are so interrelated as to not place a serious burden on the Office to conduct a search for both.

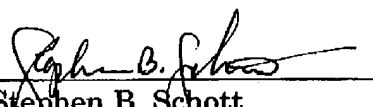
The Applicant selects the species shown in Figure 3 for prosecution, and pending claims 1-11 are readable on said species.

Further, with respect to the species restriction, independent claims 1, 12, 27, 31, and 32 are generic with respect to the species shown in Figures 3 and 8.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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